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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX	DATE FILED:
	<u>SUMMONS</u>
DAVID RODRIGUEZ, Plaintiff, - against -	Plaintiff Designates BRONX COUNTY as the Place of Trial
THE NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION TO AMERICAN SALTER,	The Basis of Venue is: Plaintiff's Residence
Defendant.	Plaintiff's Residence: 2715 Grand Concourse, 2L Bronx, NY 10468
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TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this Action and to serve a copy of your Answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is completed if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in the case of your failure to Appear or Answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated: New York, New York January 4, 2016

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Defendants' Addresses:

THE NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION d/b/a AMTRAK

60 Massachusetts Avenue Northeast, Washington, DC 20002, and

39-29 Honeywell St, Long Island City, NY 11101

BRIAN SALTER

36 Tiverton Circle, Varlano Village, Newark, DE 19702

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	DDRIGUEZ,	Index No.:
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	Plaintiff,	
•	ainst -	VERIFIED COMPLAINT
	ONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER TION d/b/a AMTRAK and BRIAN S	SALTER,
	Defendant.	N.
	ntiff DAVID RODRIGUEZ, by her atto	torney, JAMES W. MAGEE, ESQ., complaining
of defendant	I THE NATIONAL RAILROAD PA	ASSENGER CORPORATION d/b/a AMTRAK
"AMTRAK	") and BRIAN SALTER, sets forth a	and alleges the following upon information and
elief:		
1.	At all times hereinafter mentioned,	plaintiff DAVID RODRIGUEZ resided and still
esides at 27	15 Grand Concourse, 2L, Bronx, NY 1	10468.
2.	That at all times hereinafter ment	ntioned, defendant AMTRAK was and still is a
domestic an	d foreign corporation, a federal and	d municipal public agency and authority, duly
existing und	ler and by virtue of the Laws of the	State of New York, with a New York business
address at 39	9-29 Honeywell St, Long Island City, N	NY 11101.
	That on or about December 31, 20	114 and within ninety (90) days of the occurrence
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		luly served a Notice of Claim and intention to sue
complained		
complained	of herein, October 6, 2014, plaintiff du	
complained upon defend	of herein, October 6, 2014, plaintiff du	de required by law. ve elapsed since the service of said notice of claim

That more than ninety (90) days have elapsed without defendant AMRAK.

demanding that plaintiff appear and be questioned at a 50-h Hearing.

- 6. That this action is brought against defendant AMTRAK within one (1) year and ninety (90) days from the date of the occurrence.
- 7. That this action falls within one or more of the exceptions set forth in CPLR § 1602.

AS AND FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

- 8. At all times hereinafter mentioned, defendant, AMTRAK was the owner of a certain white four-door pickup truck.
- 9. At all times hereinafter mentioned, defendant AMTRAK operated, through its agent, defendant BRIAN SALTER, said white four-door pickup truck.
- 10. At all times hereinafter mentioned, defendant AMTRAK maintained said white four-door pickup truck.
- At all times hereinafter mentioned, defendant AMTRAK managed said white fourdoor pickup truck.
- 12. At all times hereinafter mentioned, defendant AMTRAK controlled said white four-door pickup truck.
- 13. At all times hereinafter mentioned, defendant BRIAN SALTER operated said white four-door pickup truck.
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- 15. At all times hereinafter mentioned, defendant BRIAN SALTER managed said white four-door pickup truck.
 - 16. At all times hereinafter mentioned, defendant BRIAN SALTER controlled said

white four-door pickup truck.

- 17. At all times hereinafter mentioned, Defendant BRIAN SALTER was an employee of defendant AMTRAK.
- 18. At all times hereinafter mentioned, defendant BRIAN SALTER operated said white four-door pickup truck within the course and scope of his employment with defendant AMTRAK.
- 19. At all times hereinafter mentioned, defendant BRIAN SALTER operated said white four-door pickup truck bearing with the permission and consent, express or implied, of the owner of said white four-door pickup truck, defendant AMTRAK.
- 20. At all times hereinafter mentioned, the roadways known as 39th Street, Steinway Street, and Northern Boulevard, in the Long Island City, County of Queens, State of New York were public roadways and thoroughfares in common use by the residents of the State of New York, and others.
- 21. On October 6, 2014, plaintiff was operating a 2013 Toyota sedan bearing New York. State license plate #T64038C for the year of 2014.
- 22. On October 6, 2014, plaintiff was parked in a 2013 Toyota sedan bearing New York State license plate # T64038C for the year of 2014 in the vicinity of 3904 Northern Boulevard, Long Island City, County of Queens, State of New York.
- 23. On October 6, 2014, defendant BRIAN SALTER was operating said white four-door pickup truck in the vicinity of 3904 Northern Boulevard, Long Island City, County of Queens, State of New-York.
- 24. On October 6, 2014, defendants' white four-door pickup truck struck and came into contact with plaintiff's motor vehicle.
 - 25. On October 6, 2014, defendants' white four-door pickup truck and plaintiff's motor

vehicle were in contact with each other in the vicinity of 3904 Northern Boulevard, Long Island City, County of Queens, State of New York.

- 26. That by reason of the foregoing, plaintiff was seriously injured.
- 27. That the accident and the resulting injuries to plaintiff were caused solely by reason of the carelessness and negligence on the part of defendants, and without any negligence on the part of plaintiff contributing thereto.
- 28. That as a result of the foregoing, plaintiff suffered a serious injury as defined by Section 5102(d) of the Insurance Law of the State of New York.
- 29. That plaintiff is a "covered person" as defined by Section 5102(j) of the Insurance Law of the State of New York.
- 30. That by reason thereof, plaintiff is entitled to recover for non-economic loss and for such economic losses as are not included within the definition of "basic economic loss" as set forth in Section 5102(a) of the Insurance Law of the State of New York.
- 31. That by reason thereof, plaintiff is entitled to recover for non-economic loss and for all economic losses sustained.
- 32. As a result of this accident, plaintiff has been damaged in a sum which exceeds the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise have jurisdiction.

AS AND FOR A SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

- 33. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation contained herein above in paragraphs numbered "1" through "32" inclusive, with the same force and effect as though more fully set forth herein at length.
- 34. On October 6, 2014, defendant BRIAN SALTER operated said white four-door pickup truck in furtherance of the duties he owes his employer, defendant AMTRAK.

- 35. At all times hereinafter mentioned, defendant AMTRAK exercised control, directly and indirectly, over the activities of defendant BRIAN SALTER.
- 36. Under the doctrine of respondeat superior, defendant AMTRAK is liable for the negligence and/or recklessness of its employee, defendant BRIAN SALTER, occurring in the course of his employment.
- 37. As a result of this accident, plaintiff has been damaged in a sum which exceeds the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise have jurisdiction.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff DAVID RODRIGUEZ demands judgment against defendants AMRAK and BRIAN SALTER on in an amount of damages which exceeds the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise have jurisdiction, together with the costs and disbursements of this action and for such other and further relief as this court may deem just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York January 4, 2016

LAW OFFICES OF JAMES W. MAGEE, ESO.

By:

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Attorney for Plaintiff

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ATTORNEY'S VERIFICATION

James W. Magee, Esq., an attorney duly admitted to practice law before the courts in the State of New York, affirms the following:

I am attorney for plaintiff.

I have read the foregoing Summons and Complaint. The same is true to my own knowledge, except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

The sources of my information and the basis of my belief concerning all matters not alleged upon my personal knowledge are a review of plaintiff's documents and records and the file maintained by this office.

This verification is made pursuant to CPLR § 3020(d)(3) on the ground that plaintiff does not reside in the county where his attorneys have their office.

Dated: New York, New York January 4, 2016

James W. Magee, Esq.

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COUNTY OF BRONX	
DAVID RODRIGUEZ	X
Plaintiff/Petitioner,	
- against -	Index No. 20072/2016E
THE NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORA	ATIO
Defendant/Respond	
NOTICE OF COMME	X NCEMENT OF ACTION

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF ACTION SUBJECT TO MANDATORY ELECTRONIC FILING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the matter captioned above has been commenced as an electronically filed case in the New York State Courts Electronic Filing System ("NYSCEF") as required by CPLR § 2111 and Uniform Rule § 202.5-bb (mandatory electronic filing). This notice is being served as required by that rule.

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The NYSCEF System charges no fees for filling, serving, or viewing the electronic case record, nor does it charge any fees to print any filed documents. Normal filling fees must be paid, but this can be done on-line.

Parties represented by an attorney: An attorney representing a party who is served with this notice must either: 1) immediately record his or her representation within the e-filed matter on the NYSCEF site; or 2) file the Notice of Opt-Out form with the clerk of the court where this action is pending. Exemptions from mandatory e-filing are limited to attorneys who certify in good faith that they lack the computer hardware and/or scanner and/or internet connection or that they lack (along with all employees subject to their direction) the operational knowledge to comply with e-filing requirements. [Section 202.5-bb(e)]

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For information on how to participate in e-filing, unrepresented litigants should contact the appropriate clerk in the court where the action was filed or visit www.nycourts.gov/efile-unrepresented. Unrepresented litigants also are encouraged to visit www.nycourthelp.gov or contact the Help Center in the court where the action was filed. An unrepresented litigant who consents to e-filing may cease participation at any time. However, the other parties may continue to e-file their court documents in the case.

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CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER,

In the Matter of the Claim of

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Washington, DC

CENERAL COUNSEL & CORPORATE SECRETARY NOTICE OF CLAIM

The National Railroad Passenger Corporation d/b/a Amtrak

TO: The National Railroad Passenger Corporation d/b/a Amtrak (Hereafter "AMTRAK") 60 Massachusetts Avenue Northeast, Washington DC 20002

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the claimant herein hereby makes a claim and demands against AMTRAK as follows:

1. The name and post-office address of each claimant (s) and his attorney is:

> David Rodriguez 2715 Grand Concourse, Apt 2L Bronx, NY 10468

James W. Magee, Esq. 125 Maiden Lane, Ste. 204 New York, NY 10038

The nature of the claim:

Action to recover damages for personal injuries, hospital expenses, medical expenses, pain and suffering, loss of earnings, loss of services, emotional distress, etc.

The time when, the place where and the manner in which the claim arose;

On October 6, 2014, at approximately 11:45 p.m., in the vicinity of 3904 Northern Boulevard, Long Island City, NY 11101, Claimant was seated inside of his parked automobile in the parking lot of a Hess gas station when, due to negligence in the ownership, maintenance, management, operation and control of AMTRAK, their agents, servants and/or employees, a truck owned and operated by AMTRAK collided with Claimant's automobile causing Claimant to sustain, through no fault of his own, multiple serious and permanent bodily injuries.

4. The items of damage or injuries claimed are:

Multiple injuries to the back and limbs, including nerve damage, conscious pain and suffering, emotional distress, property damage, loss of earnings, , medical and hospital expenses, physician services, medical supplies, etc.

The undersigned Claimant therefore presents this claim for adjustment and payment. You are hereby notified that unless it is adjusted and paid within the time provided by law from the date of presentation to you, the Claimant intends to commence an action on this claim.

DATED

New York, New York December 31, 2014

> Attorney for Claimant 125 Maiden Lane, Ste. 204 New York, NY 10038 917 502-0544 jmageelaw@gmail.com

David Rodriguez, Claimant

INDIVIDUAL VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK)

SS:

I, David Rodriguez, being duly sworn, depose and say:

That I am the Claimant herein; that I have read the foregoing Notice of Claim against The National Railroad Passenger Corporation d/b/a Amtrak, and know the contents thereof; that the same is true to my own knowledge, except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief,

and that as to those matters, I believe it to be true.
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The nature of the claim: 2.

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